SUBJECT No. 159.

Opening of certain new columns in the Pahani Takhta.

Messrs. Krishnachar, Aswathaiya and Sanjive Gowda, Goribidnur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Suggested that [illegible] may be opened in the Pahani Takhta to show the estimated out-turn of crops.

Reply of Government.—Referred to the Revenue Commissioner for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 160.

Omission of certain columns in the Mohatarfa statement.

Mr. Shanbhog Lakshminarayappa, Hegaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Columns from 18 to 34 in the Mohatarfa statement relating to loom tax may be removed from the statement, as the loom tax was abolished long ago.

Reply of Government.—Orders have been issued by the Survey Commissioner for the removal of these headings in the Mohatarfa account.

SUBJECT No. 161.

Khaneshumari account in Form No. 12 for villages to be simplified.

Mr. [illegible] Talak.

Summary of discussion.—The present Khaneshumari account prescribed for villages (Form No. 12) may be simplified so as to furnish information regarding caste, door number, father's name and date of birth of girls, as this information will be very valuable in cases of prosecution under the Infant Marriage Prevention Regulation.

Reply of Government.—It is not possible to do this in the Khaneshumari account referred to. Information as to age etc., is embodied in the register of births and deaths.

SUBJECT No. 162.

Revision of the division of hoblis.

Messrs Sondekoppada Dasappa and Subbanna, District Board, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—The present division of hoblis as per Shekdari Scheme has prevented the old and big villages from occupying the central positions which they once occupied and increased the number of villages in charge of a shekdar. As this would stand in the way of efficient carrying on of the work, the scheme may be revised.

The number of hoblis has been reduced and the charge of each shekdar is nearly twice as extensive as it was before. With his multifarious duties it is impossible for him to attend to the work.

Reply of Government.—A high standard of qualification is prescribed for the shekdars to be appointed in future, and Government apprehend no difficulty in their being able to cope with the additional work.

SUBJECT No. 163.

Persons who have passed the Upper Secondary or Pandit Examination to be declared eligible for shekdari.

Mr. Gurikar Yalakki Gowda, Kankanhalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—This being a Kannada country, persons who have passed the Upper Secondary or Pandit Examination may also be declared eligible for shekdari.

Reply of Government.—Under Government Order No R. 2309-21—L. R. 150-06-1, dated the 20th August 1906, Deputy Commissioners have been given the option of allowing persons belonging to the backward classes who have passed the Lower Secondary Examination to qualify themselves for appointment as shekdars. Non-English knowing men will not be debarred, but will not be able to follow the teaching in Engineering.